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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cullman Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Mt. Hope Church,

October 10th, 11th, and 12th,

1891.

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THE Cullman Association met with Mt. Hope Church, on Saturday, the 10th day of Oct., 1891, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. H. Harbison, from Luke 2, 16.

1 o'clock. p. m., House called to order and prayer by the Moderator. Appointed as reading Clerks.' Rev. James Hilton and A. B. Jackson. Letters presented with the following delegates to-wit:

Beech Grove—J. N. Hardman, James McMurry, R. M. Presley.
* Bethlehem (East.)
Bethsaida—Wm. Bradford, Wm. Pullin.
Center Hill—M. L. Mann.
Cullman—S. L. Fuller, Will G. Brown.
Duck River—Wm. Davis, R. J. Davis
Enon—John M. Holmes.
Ebenezer—A. D. Bartley, G. W. Walker, F. P. Wright.
El'Bethel—Louis Owen.
Emens—John Sewell, Thos. King, A. B. Speakman.
Flint Creek—James M. Holmes, J. C. Drake.
Good Hope—J. F. Hestla, J. W. I. Owen, S. Henkle, C. A. Owen.
Hopewell—J. D. Small, Marion Mathews, M. A. Higgins, G. A. Chunn.
Lawrence Cove—R. L. Henderson.
Liberty—D. S. Hanner, W. J. O. Lewis.
Mt. Hope—J. J. Harris, A. L. Chaney, C. T. Freeman.
New Harmony—Letter but no delegates.
New Home—Rev. W. C. Eidson.
Pine Grove—W W. Wisner, B. Earl.
Pleasant Grove—P. F. Shoemaker, E. A. Burch, M. Taylor.
Roswell Creek—Letter but no Delegates.
Ryan's Creek—J. A. Harbison, J. C. Calvert, J. H. Harbison.
Simcoe—W W. Mann, G. H. Oaks, Geo. Bullard.
Sardis—J. E. Hancock, J. M. Leverett.
Zion—J. W. Myer.

Call for petitionary letters, when the following were presented:

Logan—A. J. Swafford, J. M. Bottoms, W. H. Guthery.
Bethlehem (West)—W. B. Adams, T. J. Peavy.
Pilgrim's Rest—A. B. Jackson, N. D. Mayo, R. D. Dunlap, R. C. Ledbetter.
Prosperity—J. H. Freeman.
Corinth—J. A. Long.

On motion all the petitionary letters together with delegates were received.

Proceeded to elect officers which resulted as follows:

C. A. Owen, Moderator, J. D. Small, Clerk, W. H. Guthery, Treasurer.

Called for report of committee on order of business: Report read and adopted.

Appointed the following committees.

DEVOTIONAL—J. H. Hardiman, Wm. Bradford, and Deacons of Mt. Hope Church.
State of Religion—J. H. Harbison, M. L. Mann, Madison Taylor.
Missions—R. C. Ledbetter, J. W. Myer, G. A. Chunn.
Temperance—W. H. Guthery, T. J. Peavy, W. W. Mann.
Education—W. C. Eidson, G. H. Oaks, Wm. Bradford.
Sunday School—J. J. Harris, A. B. Jackson, B. Earl.
Documents—M. A. Higgins, R. D. Dunlap, J. H. Freeman.
Finance—J. M. Bottoms, P. F. Shoemaker, G. W. Walker.

By request the following committees were appointed: On State

Missions, W. H. Guthrie, Chairman, P. O., Logan, Ala., J. J. Harris, W. J. Gay.—On Home Missions, G. A. Chunn, ch'm, P. O., Basenberg, Ala., R. C. Ledbetter, N. D. Mayo.—On Foreign Missions: A. B. Jackson, chm'n, P. O., Walter. Ala., C. W. Whaley, W. W. Mann.—On Ministerial Education: Will G. Brown, chm'n, P. O., Cullman, Ala., J. A. Long, S. L. Fuller.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m. Sunday Benediction by Moderator.

Sunday morning 9 o'clock.—Association called to order by the Moderator. Read 2nd chap. of 1st Timothy; prayer by Eld. J. A. Long. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

"RESOLVED, That all speakers be limited to ten minutes on all debatable subjects, unless further time be granted by the body, and that no speaker be allowed to occupy the time of another brother."

Called for report on Sunday Schools. Report read and discussed at length.

Eleven o'clock—Association adjourned for preaching. Missionary sermon preached by Eld. C. A. Owen, from Mark 16-15; after which a collection for missions was taken up. Amount received $8 78.—A recess of one hour was taken for dinner.

Association called to order by the moderator: prayer by Brother Mayo. Called for correspondence, when Elder James Hilton was received from the North River Association. From Clear Creek, Elder R. M. Atkins, J. D Rutledge, J. P. Gibson, W. Dailey.—Returned correspondence to the North River Association, W. H. Guthery, Aaron Speakman, G. A Chunn.—To Sulphur Springs, Louis Owen, Thomas Burrel, R. M. Presley.—To Marshall, W. C. Eidson, J A Long.—Muscle Shoals, W W Mann, G H Oaks, J M Holmes.—Warrior River, Borders Earl, N D Mayo, R C Ledbetter.—Birmingham, G A Chunn, J M Holmes.—To the Alabama State Convention, G A Chunn, J. H. Harbison, R. C. Ledbetter, J M Holmes. Elected W H Guthery a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1892.

Resumed the discussion on Sunday Schools. Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30, Monday morning; G A Chunn to preach at church to-night.

Monday morning, 8:30 o'clock—Association called to order by the moderator; prayer by brother Gibson. Report on Temperance called for, read and adopted. Report on state of religion called for, read and adopted. Report on missions called for, read and adopted. A committee of three, consisting of G A Chunn, J H Harbison and J H Freeman, was appointed to carry out the provisions set forth in the report on missions. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

At 1:30 o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. The report on documents was called for, which was read and adopted. On motion the time of meeting of this Association was changed to Thursday at 12, noon, before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Elected Elder W C Eidson as evangelist to travel three months in this Association, commencing July 1st, 1892.

Appointed Elder C B Wilhite to preach the introductory at the next meeting of this Association; T E Hays, alternate. W C Eidson to preach the missionary sermon; R C Ledbetter, alternate.

First District meeting at Simcoe, 1st Sunday in June, 1892, commencing on Friday before—G L Brindley to preach the introductory.—Second District at Good Hope, commencing Friday before the 1st Sunday in August—C A Owen to preach the introductory. Third District, at Emeus, commencing Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August—J H Harbison to preach the introductory.

The report on education was called for and adopted. Adopted the report on finance.

The following committee on Literature was appointed, to wit:—Will G Brown, W H Guthrery, G A Chunn.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks and christian gratitude to the good people of Mount Hope church and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pine Grove church, twelve miles East of Cullman, on Thursday, at 12 oclock noon, before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1892.

C. A. OWEN, Moderator.

JOHN D. SMALL, Clerk.

P. S.—I would again urge upon the Clerks of Churches to use the blank form furnished you for your letter; and be careful to fill the blanks correctly. There are some errors in these minutes for which I am not responsible, but you are. Then be careful and give your statistics correctly. Respectfully,

JOHN D. SMALL, Clerk.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report, by examining the minutes of the past sessions of this body, we find that different reports have been made on Temperance, and our observations prove to us that to a great extent the same shameful habit of intemperance exists, and believing it to be our duty as christians to cultivate such habits and set such examples as will redound to the glory of God and the upbuilding of his cause here on earth, we therefore, recommend:

1. That each pastor in this Association, preach as much as one sermon on temperance to each church in his charge during the year.

2. That we urge the churches to enforce strict discipline over their members, who are habitual dram drinkers, and if this should fail to reform them, we recommend a strict enforcement of corrective discipline.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GUTHERY, Ch'm.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find from the letters of the different churches that the cause of missions in this Association is languishing, but that the State has made a better record this year than ever before. We are sorry that our Association is so far behind in the great cause of missions. The Board asks for $200.00 from this Association this year. We recommend that this amount be divided pro rata among the churches according to their membership. We further recommend that each church raise their pro rata share of this amount by our next Association. (See amount in statistical table.) We further recommend the appointment of an Evangelist in our Association this year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C LEDBETTER, Ch'm.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee, find from letters, that the cause of Christ is advancing in our bounds so far as numbers are concerned, but we fear the state of religion is not what it once was nor what it should be now in spirit. Let us be more careful in our daily walk and conversation, and like James said, "Show our Faith by our Works." We recommend that there be an Evangelist put in the field to visit the waste places in this Association and that the churches raise a sufficient amount to sustain him.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. HARBISON, Ch'm.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, find by examining the letters of the different churches of this Association, that there is but seven churches that keep up regular Sunday School, and that there is but two hundred and sixty children in attendance. We cannot find out the cause of this great mistake. We think the fault is in those who ought to be most interested. We insist that the churches that have no Sunday School, organize one, and carry on the great work of Sunday School. We believe that the proper place to teach children in the way of Holiness is in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. HARRIS, Ch'm.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: We recommend that we all endeavor to better educate our children in the Bible Doctrine, and that we all give more of our time to the great work of Sunday Schools. The best place to educate our young and rising generation is in the Bible. We further recommend that the Delegates state the amount they can safely pledge to aid in educating young ministers, the place to be selected by the Board on Ministerial Education.

Respectfully submitted.
W. C. EIDSON, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on documents, beg leave to report that, inasmuch as three churches have asked for the Association, we recommend that the next session be held with Pine Grove Church, twelve miles east of Cullman, Ala. We further recommend that Roswell Creek Church be granted a letter of dismission, also that Zion and Simcoe Churches receive aid to build a house of worship.

Respectfully submitted.
M. A. HIGGINS, Ch'mn.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

For Minutes	$29.75.
For State Missions	7.55.
For Home Missions,	1 05.
For Foreign Missions,	2.40.
Collection on Sunday for Missions	8.78.
	$49.53.

P. F. SHOEMAKER, Ch'mn.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.

G. L. Brindley,	Simcoe, Ala.
J. H. Harbison,	Bremen, Ala.
Thos. Burrell,	Bremen, Ala.
R. C. Ledbetter,	Walter, Ala.
W. Johntson,	Trimble, Ala.
L. B. Mullins,	Cullman, Ala.
R. M. Presley,	Cullman, Ala.
C. A. Owen,	Cullman, Ala.
T. E. Hays,	Hanceville, Ala.
Wm. Whaley,	Hanceville, Ala.
A. Adams,	Hanceville, Ala.
M. R. Mathis,	Hanceville, Ala.
C. B. Wilhite,	Falkville, Ala.
J. A. Long,	Joppa, Ala.
T. S. Martin,	Cullman, Ala.

G. A. Chunn,.....Bosenberg, Ala.
P. R. Tennyson,.....Bright, Ala.
W. C. Eidson,.....Bright, Ala.
A. J. Noles,.....May Apple, Ala.
J. M. Stuart,.....Summit, Ala.
Wm. Teague,.....Summit, Ala.
C. C. Hughes,.....Strawberry, Ala.
W. H. Guthery,.....Logan, Ala.

LIST OF LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICE.

F. M. Swan,.....Hanceville, Ala.
J. J, Harris,.....Crane Hill, Ala.
J. A. Mull,.....Bright, Ala.
H. D. Rainwaters,.....Holly Pond, Ala.
N. D. Mayo,.....Walter, Ala.
J. A. Fortenberry,.....Summit, Ala.
J. W. Barnett,.....Summit, Ala.
C. I. Holloway,.....Cullman. Ala.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for Printing Minutes	$29.75.
For Foreign Missions,	2.40.
For State Missions,	7.55.
For Home Missions,	1.05.
Collections on Sunday,	8.78.

W. H. GUTHERY, Treas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ARTICLE 1. Devotional Exercises, thirty minutes.

2. Preach Introductory Sermon. Adjourn one hour.

3. Association called to order by Moderator, or Clerk in the absence of the Moderator. Appoint two Brethren as reading clerks.

4. Call for and read letters and enroll delegates.

5. Call for Petitionary Letters.

6. Election of Officers.

7. Appointment of necessary committees.

8. Call for correspondence.

9. Return correspondence.

10. Call for report of committees.

11. Appointment of time and place of District Meetings.

12. Select place for next Annual Meeting of the Association.

13. Miscellaneous Business.

14. Adjourn.

Constitution.

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ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cullman Baptist Association, and shall meet annually, at such time and place as the Association may appoint.

2. It shall be composed of the Bishop and three messengers from each church in the Association.

3. The objects of this Association are to promote practical piety in our churches; to extend the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; to assist young ministers in preparing for the ministry; to provide for the support of worn-out ministers, and the families of deceased ministers that need help.

4. Any Baptist church of our faith and order may, by a petitionary letter and messengers, become a member of this Association by a unanimous vote of the body in session, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

5. That each church in this body will furnish its proportionate part of the means for carrying out the objects of this Association, set forth in Article 3 in this Constitution.

6. This Association shall, at each session, appoint a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator shall preside over the body and keep order. The Clerk shall keep correct minutes of the business done by the body. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys put into his hands for associational purposes, pay it out by order of the Association, and make annual report of the same.

7. This Association will withdraw fellowship from any church that fails to discipline its members, if guilty, for wicked and disorderly conduct, or any other departure from the faith and practice of the Gospel.

8. This association shall appoint three quarterly meetings between the sessions of the Association. These meetings shall be composed of the Bishops and Deacons in this Association and members the churches may send. The design of these meetings is to promote unity in faith and practice, and the acquirement of religious knowledge

9. This Association shall, at each session, appoint one of her Bishops to preach an introductory sermon and another one to preach a missionary sermon at the next session of the body.

10. This Association, through its Executive Board, shall cooperate with the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention in supplying the destitution in our own bounds or elsewhere in this State.

11. This Association adopts the article of faith known as the New Hampshire Confession, found in Crowell's Church Members' Hand-Book.

12. The minutes of each session of this Association shall be read, approved, and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk before the Association adjourns.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICS OF CULLMAN ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Days of Meeting.	Minute Fund.	Reported Membership last	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			Present Membership.	Missions.	Church for 1892 sions from each Amount for Mis-
								Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death			
Bethsada	Cullman	C. A Owen	Wm. Bradford	Cullman	4th	$1 75	29	7	9					46		$7.80
Beech Grove	"	T. E. Hays	J. N. Hardman	"	4th	.80	58	1	2	2	7	3		54		9.20
*Bethlehem (East)	Blount	G. A. Chunn	J. Abercromby	Hanceville	1st.		13	7						20		3.40
Bethlehem (West)	Cullman	W. Dailey	W. B. Adams	Crooked Creek	2d.									17		2.90
*Bell Spring	"		Thos. Howell	Falkville	4th		35							35		5.95
Cullman	"	J. H. Halbrook	Will G. Brown	Cullman	4th	1.00	30		8		1	1		36	1.50	6.10
Corinth	"	W. C. Eidson	J. V. Yates	Joppa		1.30		1	5		3	1		27		4.60
Center Hill	"	G. L. Brindley	L. A. Giles	Carl	3d	1.00	17	3						20	.75	3.40
Duck River	"	M. R. Mathis	W. H. Hughs	Walter	3d.	1.00	67	2	1		35			35		5.95
Enon	"		C. W. Holmes	Cullman	4th	.50	40	4		1	2	2	1	40		6.80
Ebenezer	"	W. Dailey	J. T. Walker	"		.50	15	2		3	21	2	1	24	.50	4.10
El'Bethel	"	J. H. Harbison	J. H. Speegle	Breemen	4th	.50	11		2					13		2.20
Emaus	"	C. A. Owen	W. J. Gay	Clarkson	3rd	1.50	34	9	14	1	4	1		53	.75	9.00
*Flint Creek	"					.65								65		11.05
Good Hope	"	C. A. Owen	W. A. Taylor	Cullman	1st	3 25	113	20	13	1	18	8	2	123		21.75
Hopewell	"	John Weaver	J. D. Small	Hanceville	4th	2.00	83	1	9	2	7			88		14.95
Lawrence Cove	Morgan	A. H. Williams	R. L. Henderson	Lawrence Cove	4th	.50	59			1		5		47		8.00
Liberty	Winston	G. W. Gibson	H. A. Parris	Neesmith	3rd	1.00	20	7					1	26		4.40
Logan	Cullman	Jas. Hilton	J. T. McCoy	Logan	1st	1.00								25		4.25
Mt. Hope	"	J. H. Harbison	J. G. Land	Crane Hill	1st	1.00	77	7	2	2	11	5	1	67		11.40
New Harmony	"	A. J. Noles	G. W. Noles	May Apple	1st	.75	19	2	5		1			16		2.70
New Home	"	J. E. Bagwell	H. J. Preston	Bright	3rd	1.00	55	8	4	1		3	3	62		10.55
Pine Grove	"	W. J. Chambers	B. Earl	Holly Pond	4th	1.00	48	4	4		6	1		49	1.25	8.35
Pleasant Grove	"	J. H. Harbison	W. E. Woodard	Logan	3rd	1.00	33	5	9		15			35		5.95
Pilgrim's Rest	"	W. J. Chambers	W. T. Murphy	Walter	1st	1.00								26	3.80	4.40
Prosperity	"	R. M. Atkins	J. H. Freeman	Wheat		.50								4		.70
Rosewell Creek	"	J. A. Oden	J. A. Fortenberry	Summit	2d.	.50	23		2					25		4.25
Ryan's Creek	"	J. H. Harbison	W. F. Davis	Bremen	2d.	2.00	74				3	1		71		12.05
Simcoe	"	A. B. Brindley	W. Y. Brindley	Simcoe	1st	1.50	38	3			5		1	35	1.85	5.95
Sardis	"	T. S. Martin	O. R. Leverett	Trimble	2d.	.75	7		13					20		3.40
Zion	"	W. H. Guthery	W. M. Flowers	Jones' Chapel	4th	.50	20		2					22		3.75
						29.75	1000	93	163	14	120	32	10	1231	10.40	

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